

Metro Tech being included in the levy. One section that I do like though is the section dealing with the sunset of 1990. I would prefer to have the sunset go into effect in 1988 for the simple reason that I think that the only way we are going to get any change in dealing with higher education and the study of higher education is to really put people's feet to the fire and say, we don't have any options, you don't have any options, you have to make a decision on what you feel is the best way to educate the youth in the State of Nebraska. Now, my belief is you don't need a couple years or two or three or four years to study a problem and I feel this is a problem. I think you could draft some legislation fairly quickly and get something put together by next year. I don't think it's required to have to wait that long, but I don't think this body and I don't think the tech colleges really want to wait until... I think their belief is that they should have some time to take a further study at this particular problem and I suppose 1990 is a good enough compromise as any. They do have some problems with property taxes in certain areas of the state. I can understand the concerns shown by Senator Nelson and Senator Vickers on this particular problem and I do have a lot of compassion to or empathy with them in their particular tech colleges. My belief is that the tech colleges are doing a super job in educating the youth in the State of Nebraska and I think you'll find that out of the majority, or nearly everyone in this body, feeling that the tech colleges do do a super job. Unfortunately, as state senators we have to establish the basic policies that are going to be followed by postsecondary educational institutions in the State of Nebraska and I don't believe that this body has given clear direction to those institutions on how we feel the youth in the State of Nebraska should be educated once they leave high school. There has to be coordination between the university, between the state colleges and between the technical colleges. It's been my understanding that all three of these groups really have been dragging their feet in providing coordination of higher education, but I think if we can force the tech colleges by holding onto that sunset or keeping the sunset at a reasonable year, we can force them into taking a good hard look at what the role of higher education in Nebraska is. So with that, I'm not quite sure how I'm going to vote on the amendment. I understand the constitutional problems with the bill. Maybe the best thing to do is to pass the bill as an unconstitutional piece of legislation and just have it